

# Minimum Inventory Requirements

**Effective May 2021**

The WIC vendor contract requires all authorized stores to carry at least the amounts of WIC approved foods listed on the reverse side of this document at all times.

Refer to the current WIC Shopping Guide for specific WIC approved brands and other criteria. For information about WIC approved infant formula, please visit:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC/WICFoods/InfantFormula>.

## General Guidelines

- Always carry enough inventory so that a sudden rush of WIC shoppers doesn't put you below the minimum requirements.
- Expired foods and spoiled produce do not count toward the minimum inventory requirements.
- Inventory on the store's shelves and in a storage area count towards the minimum inventory requirements.
- Some WIC approved foods have no minimum inventory requirement. For these products, stock enough to meet your WIC shoppers' needs.
- To help with your inventory planning and ordering, you can request reports from the State WIC Office for data such as; total quantities for WIC foods sold, the number of WIC clients, and total WIC sales for a given month. This information is available on request by calling: 1-800-841-1410.
- Please post WIC shelf tags ("shelf talkers") by all WIC approved foods. These tags help your WIC shoppers find approved foods and will reduce problems at the check stand.
- Make sure you review the WIC Vendor Selection Criteria for the list of other products you must carry to meet the definition of "full line grocer". The Vendor Selection Criteria, located on our website, is part of the Washington Administrative Code.
- For the purposes of these minimum inventory requirements, "varieties" is liberally construed to mean products differentiated by type, form, brand, flavor, container size, or subspecies/cultivar.

## Questions? Contact us:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except holidays)

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Food Category	Approved Sizes	Minimum Required Inventory
Baby Cereal	8 oz or 16 oz box or flip-lid container	32 oz total; including at least 2 boxes or containers of 8 oz baby cereal
Baby Food – Fruits and Vegetables	4 oz glass jar or 4 oz plastic container (2-packs allowed)	Any combination of 32 total jars or plastic containers; 4 varieties
Breakfast Cereal	11 oz to 36 oz box	12 boxes total; 3 varieties; including at least 1 whole grain cereal
Cheese	1 LB or 2 LB packaged block (8 oz packaged blocks only when “kosher” is printed on the check)	Six 1 LB blocks total; 3 varieties
Dried or Canned Beans/Peas/Lentils	16 oz bag or 15-16 oz can	64 oz total; 2 varieties
Eggs	12-count carton (1 dozen) Small, medium, or large size	6 cartons
Fish – Canned	Tuna, 5 oz to 6 oz can Pink salmon, 5 oz to 14.75 oz can Sardines, 3.75 oz to 4.4 oz	12 cans total; 2 varieties
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Bags or packages, whole or cut (The store must have a minimum of five linear feet of refrigerated display space for produce)	20 varieties total; including at least 5 varieties of fruits and at least 5 varieties of vegetables
Infant Formula	See WIC infant formula reference materials	9 cans Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder
Juice for Women	46 oz can, 46 oz plastic bottle, or 11.5 oz / 12 oz frozen container	Any combination of 6 total cans, plastic bottles, or frozen containers; 3 varieties
Juice for Children	64 oz plastic bottle	6 bottles total; 3 varieties
Milk	Half-gallon or gallon container (quarts only allowed when printed on check)	10 gallons total; including a total of at least 5 gallons 1% or nonfat milk; any combination of approved sizes
Peanut Butter	16 oz jar	6 jars total; 2 varieties
Whole Grain Choices	Brown rice, bulgur, or oatmeal, 16 oz to 32 oz bag; soft tortillas, 8 oz to 32 oz package; whole wheat pasta, 16 oz to 32 oz bag or box; 100% whole wheat bread, 16 oz to 32 oz package	128 oz total; including at least 2 different options, and at least 2 loaves of 100% whole wheat bread or 100% whole wheat hamburger or hot dog buns.
Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, Goat Milk, Soy Beverages, Tofu and Yogurt	No minimum inventory requirement	

**Failure to maintain minimum inventory requirements and comply with the Vendor Selection Criteria will result in termination of the WIC Vendor Contract.**

*7 CFR 246.12 (g)(3), Vendor selection criteria; WAC 246-790-077(3)*



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